

Title: **Father's Exhortation**

Scripture: 1 Chronicles 28:9-10

Key words:

- Heart and mind
- Know, seek and understand

Introduction:

- A father's message to his son.
- David was not going to be able to build the temple. (Ark of the Covenant)
- God was giving this responsibility of the temple to his son.
- God chooses the way His people should follow.
- He leads them out of Egypt, he leads them out of the wilderness, he led them into the promise land, now he is leading that Jerusalem would be the city of our God for all people.

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Big Idea: Today we will look at four truths that King David wanted his son Solomon to clearly understand about who the God of Israel really is, and what He desires from His people.

Bible Context:

Discipleship Lesson:

1. Solomon – Know God v.9

- a. With a whole heart – where God desires to dwell.
- b. With a willing mind – mans desire or God's will.
- c. Battleground between heard and mind.
- d. Lord's Prayer: Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven Matt 6:10.

2. Solomon – Serve God v.9

- a. With a whole heart.
- b. With a willing mind.
- c. God wants us each day to serve Him – to glorify Him through the things we say and do.
- d. Book of Acts – each disciple became known as Christian, meaning – “Christ Like” (Acts 11:26).
 - i. People could see that they served Jesus Christ by the way they lived and worked (Matt 7:16).
 - ii. They had a different attitude – Be Attitudes (Matt 5:3-12).
 - iii. Christ looks to the future – He wants fruit that will last (John 15: 2, 4, 5, 8, 16).

- iv. To serve Christ with all that we have and with all that we are (Deut 6:13; 1 Sam7:3; John 12:26).

3. Solomon – Understand God v.9

- a. God searches people hearts.
 - i. But we must understand the heart of God.
 - ii. This comes by studying God’s word and praying to Him.
- b. God understands our thoughts.
 - i. He knows us from the day we were conceived
 - ii. He knows everything about us.
 - iii. He knows our sins and weaknesses.
- c. We should not try to hide from Him.
- d. We need to open our hearts to Him and let Him in (Rom 10:9-10).
- e. He desires to guide and help us on our journey.

4. Solomon – Seek God v9

- a. You will find if you seek.
- b. Seek His face and go to Him.
 - i. Jesus tells this truth to the disciples (Matthew 7:7-8)
- c. If you are not seeking, you will lose your way.
- d. Need to forsake or turn you back toward the things of Satan and the things of the world if you don’t, he will cast you away for ever. V.9

Conclusion:

- **Consider now** – thinks this through.
- The Lord has chosen you – be strong and courageous.
- “Command **“Do It”** v. 10
- King David, gave to Solomon a truth that never changes. Same yesterday, today and for tomorrow.

Discipleship Teaching Principles:

- We need to take a stand for Jesus Christ – no matter what the cost, for we are laying up treasures in heaven.
- We need to act and do in faith, because He has chosen you – turn your thoughts into action. Just **“do It”**.
- Jesus gave to His disciples, a truth that continue for them and us today:
 - **Know God**
 - **Serve God**
 - **Understand God**
 - **Seek God**

Disciples Prayer Commitment:

John 14:6 – to commit today, to Jesus as the **way, truth and the life** which we commit to follow and serve according to His will and purpose for my life.